

**SUFFIELD POLICE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 16, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Suffield Police Commission was held on April 16, 2014 at 911 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

**Present:** Chairman, Kevin Armata, Vice Chairman, Kenneth Pascoe

**Commissioners:** Matt Joyal, Jeff Davis, and Jack Quinn

**Absent:** Clerk, Linda Stevenson

**Also Present:** Chief Michael Manzi, Captain Craig Huntley, Officer Peter Osowiecki, and Recording Secretary Karen Doyon

Chairman Armata called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioner Joyal read aloud the correspondence received through the month of March and April as follows:

- Thank you card from Lisa Shelanskas on behalf of the family of William Harris for the flowers and sympathy card.

**PUBLIC INPUT** - None

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

Chairman Armata asked if there were any changes to the March 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes. With none, Commissioner Quinn made the motion to accept the March 16, 2014 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Budget:** *Captain Huntley at the beginning of the meeting handed out the Police Budget. Captain Huntley highlighted the following:*

- Holiday overtime;
- R & M Vehicles, and
- Line items for Military Leave, and Workman's Compensation.

Vice Chairman Pascoe asked how often the Department sees an invoice for gas. Captain Huntley reported quarterly.

**Activity:** Chief Manzi stated that he made corrections within the "Motor Vehicle Accidents," and "Criminal Robbery" line items.

Chief Manzi briefed the Commission on an upcoming water main project with the Connecticut Water Company. The projected start time is May 2014, and approximate end time in September

2014, beginning at Barn Door Hill Road, ending at Hickory Street. The Chief stated that he is anticipating police patrol on all the main roads, and that a meeting has been set up with the Engineering Project Coordinator on Thursday April 17.

*Commissioner Davis made the motion to amend the Agenda to add Executive Session after Public Comments, seconded by Vice Chairman Pascoe. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Detective:** Chief Manzi reported that Detective Fuller is investigating an Armed Robbery, which occurred at the Valero Gas Station on March 26, 2014, during that time he was conducting surveillance on a person of interest, the investigation is ongoing.

**K-9:** No comments or concerns on the K-9 report dated March 2014.

**School Resource Report:** No comments or concerns on the School Resource Report dated April 2014.

Discussion followed regarding the Police Departments preemptive approach for the protection against crimes of shootings and assaults within and around the public schools.

With nothing further, Commissioner Quinn made the motion to accept the reports as submitted, seconded by Vice Chairman Pascoe. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CHIEF'S REPORTS**

Items offered in Chief Manzi's report and items added to his report were as follows:

- The Chief discussed the importance of local residents being aware of suspicious people and suspicious vehicles driving in their neighborhood, especially at bus stops, and in the local shopping centers. He remarked that if you do see anything suspicious, attempt to get a description of the vehicle [i.e. make, model], license plate number, and if possible, a description of the person.
- A resident came in to the Police Department to speak to Chief Manzi on a recent event regarding a telephone call he received from Mexico City. The Chief stated that he had not been aware of any recent telephone scams out of Mexico City, but advised the resident not to give money to scam artists.
- Chief Manzi warned against telephone tax scams now that April 15<sup>th</sup> has passed. He stated that Scam artists call posing as the IRS asking for back taxes, then threatens with an arrested if they do not pay.

With nothing further, Commissioner Quinn made the motion to accept the Chief's report as presented, seconded by Vice Chairman Pascoe. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Davis expressed his concerns about the increase number of extremely loud motorcycles going through Town, some of which he can hear coming from a mile away.

[Commissioner Davis is a bike enthusiast himself, and rides to work daily.] He asked if the PD had the capacity to monitor decimals. Discussion followed. Chief Manzi responded that the PD does not have the capacity, but that he would follow-up.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Quinn made the motion to go into executive session at 7:30 pm, seconded by Commissioner Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Davis made the motion to come out of executive session at 7:40 pm with no votes taken, seconded by Commissioner Quinn. Motion carried unanimously.

With nothing further, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the April 16, 2014 regular Suffield Police Commission meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Chairman Armata